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I haven't offered my comments on this settlement before but I want to go on record as stating that were it not for Microsoft and their innovative creations in Computers and the Internet, I dare to say that America and the world would not be using computers to the extent they are and I personally would not be able to understand and facilitate the abilities and usability of my computer if it did not have the integrated software that Microsoft has made and marketed. I am grateful for their advances in computer software. It has opened up the world. If I had to deal with many software protocols and programs that may or may not work together, I doubt I would use this instrument. Microsoft is to be commended, not punished for their critical progress in this field. It is plain to me that those that have continued to press for more monetary awards and punitive measures against Microsoft are doing so out of pure greed and jealousy. For them to say, 'give us all your software programs because we deserve them and you don't; and by the way, make sure that we are successful in using them and jeopardize and minimize your own business in the process' seems to fly directly in the face of American ingenuity and independent capitalism. I am extremely disgusted with this protracted DOJ punishment of a company that has built America in ways no one else could have done. Sincerely, Linda P. Snow Bellevue, Washington